

Amendments to the Claims

The current listing of the claims replaces all previous amendments and listings of the claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A lending management system comprising:

a client terminal connected to a network; and

a server terminal connected to said network and configured to be connected to an information device;

wherein said client terminal is configured to transmit to the server terminal via the network information related to reservation of the information device;

said server terminal is configured to receive from the client terminal the information related to the reservation, to determine whether the reservation is permitted in accordance with the received information, and to register the reservation and to transmit information to said client terminal to indicate registration of the reservation, and

the client terminal comprises an image transmission designating unit configured to transmit an input image data from an image captured by the information device.

2. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 1, wherein said server terminal comprises:

a user certification unit configured to authenticate a user in accordance with input information; and

a lending permission unit configured to check the input information provided with an access right by said user certification unit and to permit lending of the information device.

3. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 2, wherein said user certification unit is configured to check an identity of the user and a password.

4. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 2, wherein said user certification unit comprises a magnetic card reader configured to read a magnetic card in which an identity of the user is registered.

5. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 2, wherein said user certification unit comprises an integrated circuit card reader configured to read an integrated circuit card in which an identity of the user is registered.

6. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 2, wherein said user certification unit comprises fingerprint input unit configured to receive an input fingerprint of the user.

7. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 1, wherein said server terminal is configured to transmit a lock release signal to activate and deactivate a lock switching unit configured to permit and to prevent operation of the information device.

8. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 1, wherein said server terminal is configured to input said input image data in accordance with the image transmission method after returning said information device.

9. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 8, wherein the image transmission designating unit is configured to transmit the input image data by electronic mail.

10. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 8, wherein the image transmission designating unit is configured to transmit the input image data by a file transfer protocol method.

11. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 8, wherein the image transmission designating unit is configured to transmit the input image data by a file transfer method.

12. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 8, further comprising:

a printing unit configured to print the input image data.

13. (Currently Amended) A lending management system comprising:

a client terminal connected to a network; and

a server terminal comprising a web server connected to said network, the server terminal configured to be connected to an information device;

wherein said client terminal is configured to transmit information related to reservation of the information device to said server via said network;

said server terminal is configured to receive the information related to reservation, to determine whether reservation is permitted in accordance with the received information, and to register the reservation and to transmit information to said client terminal to indicate registration of the reservation, and

the client terminal comprises an image transmission designating unit configured to transmit an input image data from an image captured by image inputting means of the information device ~~having image inputting means~~.

14. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 13, wherein said server terminal comprises:

a user certification unit configured to authenticate a user in accordance with input information; and

a lending permission unit configured to check the user input information provided with an access right by said user certification unit to permit lending of the information device.

15. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 14, wherein said user certification unit is configured to check an identity of the user.

16. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 14, wherein said user certification unit comprises a magnetic card reader configured to read a magnetic card in which an identity of the user is registered.

17. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 14, wherein said user certification unit comprises an integrated circuit card reader configured to read an integrated circuit card in which an identity of the user is registered.

18. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 14, wherein said user certification unit comprises a fingerprint input unit configured to receive an input fingerprint of the user.

19. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 13, wherein server terminal is configured to transit a lock release signal to activate and deactivate a lock switching unit configured to permit and prevent operation of the information device.

20. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 13, wherein said server terminal is configured to transmit said input image data in accordance with the image transmission method after returning said information device.

21. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 20, wherein the image transmission designating unit is configured to transmit the input image data by electronic mail.

22. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 20, wherein the image transmission designating unit is configured to transmit the input image data by a file transfer protocol method.

23. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 20, wherein the image transmission designating unit is configured to transmit the input image data by a file transfer method.

24. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 20, further comprising:

a printing unit configured to print the input image data.

25. (Previously Presented) The lending management system according to claim 13, wherein said lending management system is configured so as not to transmit the input image data to said client terminal and is configured to store the input image data in said server.

26. and 27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A lending reservation method for reserving lending of an information device with a reservation, comprising:

authenticating a user;

confirming that the reservation is available with respect to said information device;

confirming an identity of the user who registers the reservation;

releasing a lock of said information device; and

designating a method for transmitting an image ~~from~~ captured by the information device after the ~~image~~ information device is reconnected to a network used in the lending reservation method.

29. (Previously Presented) The lending reservation method according to claim 28, further comprising:

transmitting the image in accordance with the image transmission method.

30. (Previously Presented) The lending reservation method according to claim 29, wherein the image is transmitted in accordance with the image transmission method by one of electronic mail, a file transfer protocol method, a file transfer method, a printer output and storing the image in the server.

31. (Currently Amended) A computer readable recording medium for recording a computer program containing instructions configured to provide a lending reservation method

to lend an information device having a lock from a terminal via a network, the lending reservation method comprising:

- authenticating a user;
- confirming that the reservation is available with respect to said information device;
- confirming an identity of the user who registers the reservation;
- releasing the lock of said information device; and
- designating a method for transmitting an image ~~from~~ captured by the information device after the ~~image~~ information device is reconnected to the network used in the lending reservation method.

32. (Currently Amended) The lending management system according to claim 8, wherein said server terminal is configured to install a WWW server function therein and to permit inspection of the input image from the client terminal.